

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown in the following Listing of Claims.

1. **(currently amended)** A method for providing hotel information comprising the steps of, in combination:
receiving occupancy and rate information from a plurality of hotels; and
preparing and providing a report current information to the plurality of hotels including current daily rate information of the plurality of hotels and current room availability information of either the plurality of hotels so that a referring hotel of the plurality of hotels can make at least one of a reservation for a potential customer at an available hotel of the plurality of hotels and a referral of the available hotel to the potential customer; and
providing a referral fee to the referring hotel when the potential customer stays at the available hotel in response to at least one of the reservation and the referral.
2. **(currently amended)** The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of faxing ~~the a~~ report to the plurality of hotels, wherein the report includes the current daily rate information of the plurality of hotels and current room availability information of the plurality of hotels.
3. **(currently amended)** The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~preparing and providing a unique report to each of a plurality of hotels~~ providing the current information to the plurality of hotels over a computer network in real time.
4. **(currently amended)** The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~preparing the report~~ providing the current information to include the current daily rate information and the current room availability information for ~~a list of~~ competing hotels.
5. **(currently amended)** The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~preparing the report~~ providing the current information to include unique notes for each of the plurality of hotels.
6. **(currently amended)** The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~preparing the report~~ providing the current information to include advertisements.

7. **(currently amended)** The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~preparing the report~~ providing the current information to include area current event and places information.

8. **(currently amended)** The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~preparing the report~~ providing the current information to include occupancy percentage and average daily rate information for a predetermined area.

9. **(currently amended)** The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving area current event and places information from at least one visitors bureau and providing the current information to include the area current event and places information.

10. **(currently amended)** A system for providing hotel information comprising, in combination:

a computer connected to a communication system;

wherein the computer is programmed to receive occupancy and rate information from a plurality of hotels; and

wherein the computer is programmed to ~~prepare and provide a report~~ current information to the plurality of hotels including current daily rate information of the plurality of hotels and current room availability information of other the plurality of hotels.

11. **(currently amended)** The system according to claim 10, wherein the computer is programmed to ~~prepare and~~ fax the a report to the plurality of hotels, wherein the report includes the current daily rate information of the plurality of hotels and current room availability information of the plurality of hotels.

12. **(currently amended)** The system according to claim 4 10, wherein the computer is programmed to ~~prepare and provide a unique report to each of a plurality of hotels~~ provide the current information to the plurality of hotels over a computer network in real time.

13. **(currently amended)** The system according to claim 10, wherein the computer is programmed to ~~prepare the report~~ provide the current information to include the current daily rate information and the current room availability information for a list of competing hotels.

14. **(currently amended)** The system according to claim 10, wherein the computer is programmed to ~~prepare the report~~ provide the current information to include unique notes for each of the plurality of hotels.

15. **(currently amended)** The system according to claim 10, wherein the computer is programmed to ~~prepare the report~~ provide the current information to include advertisements.

16. **(currently amended)** The ~~method~~ system according to claim 10, wherein the computer is programmed to ~~prepare the report~~ provide the current information to include area current event and places information.

17. **(currently amended)** The system according to claim 10, wherein the computer is programmed to ~~prepare the report~~ provide the current information to include occupancy percentage and average daily rate information for a predetermined area.

18. **(cancelled)**

19. **(cancelled)**

20. **(cancelled)**

21. **(new)** A method for providing hotel information comprising the steps of, in combination:

providing current rate information and current room availability information for a referring hotel to a service provider;

receiving from the service provider current information for a plurality of hotels including current daily rate information of the plurality of hotels and current room availability information of the plurality of hotels so that the referring hotel of the plurality of hotels can make at least one of a reservation for a potential customer at an available hotel of the plurality of hotels and a referral of the available hotel to the potential customer; and

receiving a referral fee when the potential customer stays at the available hotel in response to at least one of the reservation and the referral.

22. **(new)** The method according to claim 21, further comprising the step of receiving the current information for the plurality of hotels over a computer network in real time.

23. **(original)** The method according to claim 21, further comprising the step of providing a referral card including location information of the available hotel to the potential customer.